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OFFICIALAmendments to the Claims:

Please add the following new claims.

34. (New) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, the program comprising instructions operable to cause a computer to:
- establish a database of concepts, asset references, and associations, the asset references each comprising a storage location identifier for a corresponding one of a plurality of data assets, each association defining a type of relationship, from a plurality of types of relationships, between a data asset and a concept.
35. (New) The product of claim 34, further comprising instructions to:
- present to the user a location interface to receive location information from the user to locate a desired data asset;
 - link the location interface to the database;
 - receive from the user through the location interface a query identifying a concept and a relationship;
 - use the query to search the database to identify a set of data assets each having the relationship with the concept; and
 - present to the user information identifying the data assets in the set.
36. (New) The product of claim 35, further comprising instructions to:
- receive search information from the database identifying concepts and relationships that can be searched; and
 - display the search information to the user through a query interface that allows the user to define the query.
37. (New) The product of claim 36, further comprising instructions to:
- receive a selection from the user of a desired data asset from among the identified

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data assets; and

return to an application a file handle for the desired data asset.

38. (New) The product of claim 35, wherein the instructions to use the query to identify a set of data assets include instructions to find each asset reference in the database having the relationship with the concept.

39. (New) The product of claim 35, wherein the instructions to use the query to identify a set of data assets include instructions to find each asset reference in the database having the relationship with the concept and each asset reference in the database having the relationship with a hierarchical descendent of the concept.

40. (New) The product of claim 35, wherein the relationships have a hierarchy specified by relationship hierarchy information; and the instructions to use the query to identify a set of data assets include instructions to find each asset reference in the database having the relationship with the concept and each asset reference in the database having a hierarchical descendent of the relationship with the concept.

41. (New) The product of claim 35, wherein the instructions to receive from the user a query identifying a concept and a relationship include instructions to receive from the user a query further identifying a second concept and a second relationship; and wherein each data asset in the identified set of data assets having the relationship with the concept has the second relationship with the second concept.

42. (New) The product of claim 35, wherein:
the instructions to establish a database of concepts, asset references, and associations include instructions to establish a database that further comprises detail

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associations, each detail association representing a relationship between a first and a second concept;

the instructions to receive from the user a query that identifies a concept and a relationship includes instructions to receive from the user a query that further identifies second concept and a second relationship, the second concept and second relationship representing a detail association; and

the instructions to use the query to identify a set of data assets includes instructions to use the query to identify a set of data assets where each data asset in the identified set of data assets has a detail association comprising the second relationship between the concept and the second concept.

43. (New) A database comprising:

one or more concepts that include links to one or more data assets that have specific relationships to an associated concept, where the relationships are selected from a plurality of possible relationships.

44. (New) The database of claim 43, wherein:

the relationships having a hierarchy specified by relationship hierarchy information.